



Louisville Metro Council

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We would like you and any members of your staff that you feel appropriate to appear before the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee on August 26, 2009 between 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm. You will share the time slot with the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The purpose of your testimony is to review the problems encountered during the recent flood and other areas of animal care. We will not review any items related to the AAA audit as it has not officially been released. Our committee will review that a later date.

In preparation for the hearings please provide this office with the following items by Friday, August 21, 2009. We will disseminate the data to other committee members prior to your appearance.

1. Disaster Plan Training – You stated on August 11, 2009 in an e-mail to Kip Eatherly, Legislative Assistant to Councilman Glen Stuckel, that eight of your employees attended a disaster plan training within the last month. Please provide us with:
 - A list of employees that attended.
 - A copy of course materials utilized.
 - The name of the teacher/organization that provided training.
2. You have stated that your facility is certified to hold up to 350 animals at any one time. Who provided that certification?
3. Kennel Inventory - We would like a copy of your kennel inventory for the day before the flood or day of the flood. Also, we would like a copy of the next one

prepared, either Wednesday or Thursday of that week. (We are interested in the total dogs and cats on those inventories.)

4. Was there a written emergency evacuation plan? Was it followed? Who was responsible for coordinating the evacuation and temporary shelter? Please provide us with a copy of the written plan.
5. What other animal welfare agencies offered assistance, including an offer to temporarily house animals and what was the outcome for each?
6. Was assistance offered by any national organizations? If so, when? What assistance was offered and did you accept?
7. Did local veterinarians offer assistance and how were they utilized?
8. How many animals died as a result of the flooding? There are conflicting reports from volunteers who were present.
9. Was there security at the Fairgrounds/LMAS during the emergency? There were reports of missing animals. How many were found? How many continue to be missing?
10. Were there injuries sustained by employees, volunteers, veterinarians etc. during evacuation? How can injuries be prevented in the future? Did untrained volunteers pose a problem in regards to dangerous dogs etc.?
11. Were children allowed into the Fairgrounds and LMAS during the emergency?
12. How many animals were euthanized after the flood?

If you have any questions, please call me at 574-1116. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kelly Downard
Chairman, Government Accountability and Oversight Committee
District 16 Councilman

cc: Government Accountability and Oversight Committee Members